

**FIRE PROTECTION POLICY BOARD
WORK SESSION
July 27, 2005
Fire Training Academy
North Bend, WA**

Board Members Present: Chair Sharon Colby, TJ Nedrow, Jennifer Gregerson, Mark Kahley and Jim Broman

WSP Staff Present: State Fire Marshal Samuel Pierre, Anjela Foster, Ellen Tombleson, Chuck King, and Mike Matlick

Guests Present: Wayne Wienholz

Sharon opened the meeting at approximately 9:40, and recessed the meeting for a tour of the Fire Training Academy and demonstration of props.

Following the tour of the Fire Training Academy, Sharon re-opened the meeting at approximately 12:40.

Information Item – Accreditation of Central Pierce Fire and Rescue’s FF Training Program.

Chuck King presented an overview of the Information Item relating to the accreditation of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue’s firefighter training program, and advised that this would be presented as a Decision Item at the August 24, 2005 Regular meeting. Jim Broman asked Chuck if he had a sense of how many accredited programs there are in the state, and where they are at. Chuck advised that he thought there were 7 or 8 accredited programs, and advised that he will develop a map detailing this information for the next meeting. Jim advised he would appreciate this information, as it would be helpful in developing overlay strategies in an effort to foster developing programs in different areas of the state.

Following this discussion, Jim praised Chuck’s efforts and accomplishments with the programs he is involved in.

Fire Investigation

Jim Broman advised that he was pleased with the turn out at the Special meeting held on July 20 to discuss the responsibility for fire prevention related activities, including fire investigations and inspections.

Following discussion on funding strategies, Wayne Wienholz advocated for developing a dedicated funding source for fire investigations.

In discussion regarding information that Doug Bleeker provided at the July 20 meeting, it was agreed that there were two major issues to address:

- Legal authority to perform investigations; and
- Compensation to responding agencies.

It was suggested that the Regional Funding could be utilized to provide the compensation to the responding agency. It was agreed that it may be necessary to obtain a legal opinion on the necessity of inter-governmental agreements. It was suggested that the process used for mobilizing local fire services resources could be looked at for developing processes for mobilizing fire investigation resources.

Following general discussion, it was the consensus that staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office will facilitate calling together the following people who volunteered to be part of the Fire Investigation Study Group:

- Mark Havener, Pend Oreille FD #3
- Doug Bleeker, Spokane FD #9
- Jason Richards, AGO
- Wayne Wienholz, Pierce Co. FPB
- Bill Steele, Pierce Co. FPB
- David Lynam, WSAFM.
- Jim Crawford, Vancouver Fire Dept.
- Dennis Heryford, DNR
- Dean Hosni, Fire Protection policy board rep
- Mike Matlick, Fire Protection Bureau
- Anjela Foster, Fire Protection Bureau

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05.

NEXT MEETING

August 24, 2005– 9:00

General Administration Building

WSP HQ Conference Room

Approved:

Sharon Colby, FPPB Chair

(Date)